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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: VICTOR SAFIE RELEASED BY KIDNAPPERS

REF: 77 SAN SALVADOR 5898

1. SAFIE WAS APPARENTLY RELEASED BY HIS CAPTORS ON JANUARY 4

AND ARRIVED AT HOME BY TAXI AT 7:00 P.M. ACCORING TO PRESS
REPORTS, HE APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, EXCEPT FOR BEING
QTE TIRED AND VERY NERVOUS UNQTE. HE AND HIS FAMILY REFUSED
TO TALK TO THE PRSS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PHYSICALLY
MISTREATED AND HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE HOUSE IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN
HELD CAPTIVE WAS LOCATED AS HE WAS KEPT BLINDFOLDED MOST OF THE
TIME.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, SAFIE WAS KIDNAPPED BY AN
ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS DE
LIBERACION DE LA RESISTENCIA NACIONAL (FARN) AND WAS
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RELEASED FOR THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND COLONES (OR US \$120,000).
ACCORDING TO JANUARY 9 EDITION OF EL DIARIO DE HOY, THE
GROUP, IN RETURN FOR SAFIE'S RELEASE, ORIGINALLY ASKED
FOR TWO MILLION COLONES (OR US \$800,000) AND THE RELEASE
BY THE GOES OF QTE POLITICAL PRISONERS UNQTE. THE PAPER
STATES THE GOES REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FARN,
TAKING THE POSITION THAT QTE THIS GOVERNMENT HAS NO

POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CANNOT ANSWER FOR WHAT HAPPENED
PRIOR TO JULY 1 UNQTE OF 1977. THE DIARIO LATINO OF
JANUARY 5 ATTRIBUTED THE KIDNPAPPING TO THE FUERZAS ARMADAS
DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (FALN). WHATEVER NAME THE
KIDNAPPERS CLAIM TO GO BY, THERE HAS BEEN CONJECTURE
IN THE PRESS THAT THEY WERE COMMON CRIMINALS RATHER THAN
TERRORISTS.

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